

**Working for more
progress in the
2004 Legislature**



**Representative
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Back in Olympia after many months in our District, I relish getting on with the challenges before us in the 2004 legislative session. I enjoyed meeting with so many of you, and receiving feedback critical to my work here on your behalf.

I will focus on strengthening our families and the economy, while supporting our most pressing needs including K-12 and higher education.

While gains were made last session, more work needs to be done to protect and create jobs.

I welcome your questions and ideas. My job is to serve you, as well as represent you. I look forward to your letters, emails and calls!

Sincerely,

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- Higher Education, Assistant Ranking Republican
- Capital Budget, Assistant Ranking Republican
- Trade and Economic Development

One of the best ways to reach me is by going to my web site <http://hrc.leg.wa.gov/members/priest> and clicking on the FEEDBACK button.



Rep. Priest is honored by representatives from Boeing and the Machinist's Union for his work on landing the 7E7 in Washington.

Constituents tell me it's all about jobs

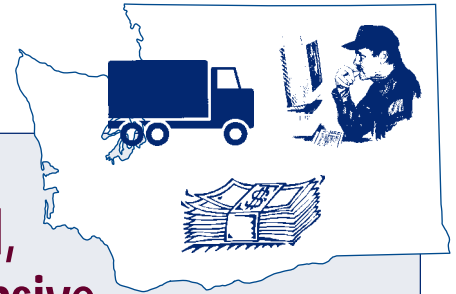
In 2004, I'll continue my work on creating a business climate that grows the economy and makes Washington more competitive for attracting and keeping family wage jobs in our communities.

It's more important than ever to follow sound fiscal principles as we create a 2004 supplemental budget. We must end 2005 with an operating budget that is sustainable and doesn't require new taxes or a reduction in core state services. We must also strengthen the state's spending limit and create a reliable, constitutional rainy day fund for the lean years.

Last session, lawmakers made the hard choices necessary to pass a no-new-tax operating budget designed to help the neediest in our communities and make Washington a better place to do business. Boeing's decision to build its 7E7 here is an excellent sign we're on the right track.

As the prime Republican sponsor of a tax incentive package for aerospace industry companies, and a member of the House and Senate task force leading the recruitment effort, I worked hard to benefit Washington and create new opportunities.

Now we must respond to small business and other job providers with the same determination we did for Boeing. I will work to help create a sustainable state budget, increase competitiveness, and institute thoughtful regulatory and liability reform to ensure this new positive momentum continues — and results in JOBS.



A balanced, comprehensive approach to making Washington a better place to do business

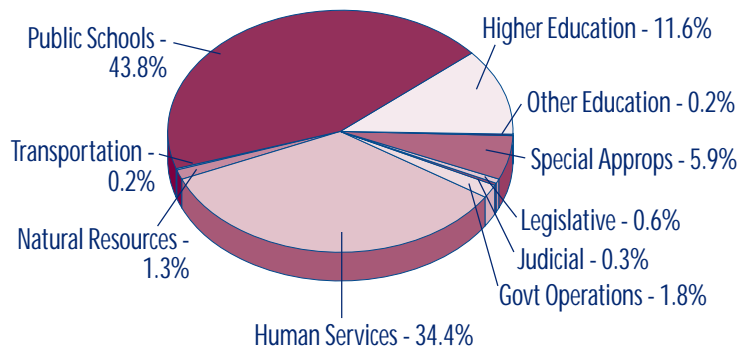
We must follow through on reforms needed to provide jobs and prosperity for families by:

- **Repairing the workers' compensation program.** The lack of competition in the state-run industrial insurance system is causing great hardship on 70 percent of Washington's employers. We must follow on the good work started last session and find new and better ways of implementing this program.
- **Renewing and extending tax incentives for high-tech Research and Development.** Tax policies that help encourage investment in Washington will go a long way toward supporting growth and more jobs.
- **Lifting the regulatory burden off citizens and employers.** We must give greater consideration to effects of agency rules on individuals and employers. State agencies should act within the specific scope of their authority, and be able to bear the burden of defending those rules.

Working for more progress in 2004

Spotlight on education

2003-05 State Operating Budget - General Fund



Much is reported by the media, educators and legislators about education in Washington. Each session, we hear how education is impacted by the reality of our budget. In some cases, we are forced to make hard choices between equally important services. Exactly how is education paid for? This chart shows that about 58 percent of your state budget dollar pays for all education in Washington. K-12 receives nearly 44 percent and higher ed, nearly 12 percent.

K-12

The students in our K-12 education system represent the hopes and dreams of our future.

Strengthening our schools and increasing the educational opportunities for quality, basic education is our responsibility. I support:

- Improving the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) to allow re-testing and ensure we don't leave a whole generation of students behind.
- Allowing voters to decide if school operating levies should be approved by a simple majority, instead of the current 60-percent super-majority.



Higher Ed

Higher education assures our students the ability to land the jobs they need to secure their futures.

A better tomorrow depends on higher education producing top quality students for the companies that make Washington their home.

I'm pleased to be taking a lead again this year in ensuring that state universities, colleges and technical schools—such as the University of Washington and Highline Community College—will have room for Federal Way students and others around the state now and in the future. My legislation to develop a strategic plan to provide accessible, affordable and high quality education to all who seek it is a step in the right direction.



Government Directory

Knowing who to call for help can sometimes make all the difference. I hope this directory of commonly used phone numbers will help you quickly find what you need.

Information Hotline Phone Numbers

Legislative Hotline	1-800-562-6000
Hearing Impaired Citizens TTY-TDD	1-800-635-9993
State Agency Information	1-800-321-2808
Aging and Adult Services	1-800-422-3263
AIDS/HIV Information	1-800-272-2437
Attorney General - Consumer Protection	1-800-551-4636
Basic Health Plan	1-800-826-2444
Children or Families at Risk	1-800-562-5624
Children's Support Enforcement	1-800-729-7580
Crime Victims Advocacy	1-800-822-1067
Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-562-6025
Crisis Line	1-800-827-8840
Family and Children's Ombudsman	1-800-571-7321
Ferry Information	1-888-808-7977
Insurance Commissioner - Consumer Protection	1-800-562-6900
Long-Term Care Ombudsman	1-800-562-6028
Medicaid Information	1-800-562-3022
Missing Children Clearinghouse	1-800-543-5678
Natural Resources	1-800-527-3305
Pass Reports	1-800-695-7623

Revenue Department	1-800-647-7706
Veterans Affairs	1-800-562-2308
Voter Information	1-800-448-4881
Welfare Fraud	1-800-562-6906

State Elected Officials

Governor Gary Locke	(360) 902-4111
Secretary of State Sam Reed	(360) 902-4151
Treasurer Michael Murphy	(360) 902-9000
Auditor Brian Sonntag	(360) 902-0370
Superintendent of Public Instruction Terry Bergeson	(360) 725-6000
Commissioner of Public Lands Doug Sutherland	(360) 902-1000

King County

General Information	(206) 296-0100
County Council	(206) 296-1000 or 1-800-325-6165
Assessor Scott Noble	(206) 296-7300
Auditor Cheryle Broom	(206) 296-1655
County Executive Ron Sims	(206) 296-4040
Prosecuting Attorney Norm Maleng	(206) 296-9000
Sheriff Dave Reichert	(206) 296-4155
County Records & Licensing	(206) 296-8683
Elections Department	(206) 296-1565

Local Government and Services

Multi-Service Center	(253) 838-6810
Federal Way Information	(253) 661-4000
Milton Information	(253) 922-8733
Pacific Information	(253) 929-1100
Algona Information	(253) 833-2897